

THE GRAND ARMY.

The New Year Opens Briskly—News From the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 3, 1885.

The new year has opened briskly with everything moving rapidly at Headquarters. New Year's day was given up largely to social festivities, winding up with a reception in the evening, given at Headquarters by the National officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Commander-in-Chief Kuntz, Adj. Gen. Alcorn, and many friends of the Relief Corps in and out of Grand Army circles, were present, and a delightful social evening was passed.

Monday evening Commander Kuntz and staff visit Wiley Post, at Bowling Green, O., and Thursday morning they will visit the same place, and on each occasion at the installation of officers, followed by a special reception. The Commander-in-Chief leaves on Saturday, the 11th, for the Eastern trip, and will be in Washington on the 19th of January, to be present at the conference of the Grand Army Pension Committee, when additional measures will be taken to secure the passage of the Mexican Pension bill and its amendments. The following order has just been issued:

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Officers of A. S. or six Portland hotels can accommodate 1,500 to 2,000 guests; the popular seaside resorts in the harbor, within 15 minutes by rail, can accommodate 5,000 more. These, together with the hotels of the city, will accommodate a large number of guests. The ladies of the Corps have good cause to be proud of its auxiliary.

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